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## NEWS AND NOTES

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Notes of interest to the readers of the *Journal* should be in the hands of the editor of "News and Notes" not later than the tenth of the month preceding publication.

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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK

The National Conference of Social Work held April 14-21 in New Orleans was both a revelation of the progress of social work in the South and an impetus to its growth in the future. A further indication of the fundamental nature of this social interest is the opening and expansion of departments of sociology in several universities and colleges in southern states. A feature of the conference was the increased interest in training for social work. One session of the Division on Organizing of Social Forces was devoted to this subject. Professor R. J. Colbert, at present educational director of the Gulf Division, American Red Cross, spoke on "Training and Action in Social Work," and Porter R. Lee, director of the New York School of Social Work, gave a paper on "Providing Teaching Material." The Association of Training Schools of Social Work also held an open session on the relation of field work to the training of social workers.

Among the sociologists present at the conference, the following read papers: Professor Lee Bidgood, University of Alabama, "The Place of the Juvenile Court in the Care of Dependent Children"; Professor A. J. Todd, University of Minnesota, "The Responsibility of Social Workers as the Interpreters of Industrial Problems" and "Desired Minimum of Sociological Insight for Workers with Delinquents"; Professor Alfred Arvold, University of North Dakota, "Citizenship through Dramatic and Art Interests"; Professor E. C. Lindeman, North Carolina College for Women, "The Organization and Maintenance of Recreation in Rural Communities"; Professor Frederick Seidenburg, Loyola University, "Federations of Catholic Charities"; Professor Robert E. Park, University of Chicago, "The Foreign Language Press and Social Progress."

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### THE SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The Southern Sociological Congress held its ninth annual convention in Washington, D.C., May 9-13. The president, Bishop

Theodore Bratton of Mississippi, presided. Among those who made addresses were: Dr. Shailer Mathews, of the University of Chicago; Professor Charles A. Ellwood, of the University of Missouri; Dr. Edward T. Devine, of New York City; Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale University; Dr. Samuel Zane Batten, of Philadelphia; Dr. R. R. Moton, president of Tuskegee Institute; Mr. George W. Coleman, of Boston; Dr. Livingston Farrand, of the American Red Cross; Dr. H. W. Wiley, Washington, D.C.; Dr. William L. Poteat, North Carolina; Surgeon-General Hugh S. Cumming, of the Federal Public Health Service; Dr. Worth M. Tippy, of the Federal Council of Churches; and Rev. J. Fort Newton, recently of City Temple of London.

Professor Ellwood was chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, and among the important resolutions adopted was one asking Congress to establish a federal Department of Education and Health, with a cabinet officer at its head.

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Dr. L. H. Haney, formerly with the Federal Trade Commission, has been appointed specialist in economic research in the Bureau of Markets of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He will conduct costs-of-marketing studies relating to certain representative agricultural products. The necessity for these studies is daily more apparent, and Dr. Haney's economic investigations of prices and price control during the period of the war, as well as his earlier studies, fit him peculiarly for this work. Dr. Haney's publications include *History of Economic Thought*, 1911; *Business Organization and Combination*, 1913; *Report on the Price of Gasoline in 1915*, 1917; and *Price Fixing in the United States during the War*, 1919.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The Southern Branch of the University of California will be held at Los Angeles from June 21 to July 31. Dr. A. B. Wolfe, professor of economics and sociology in the University of Texas, gives courses in general sociology and industrial reconstruction. John Collier, formerly director of the New York Training School for Community Work, in connection with Mr. R. Justin Miller, assistant executive officer of the state Commission of Immigration and Housing, offers courses in immigration and community organization. Professor Ira B. Cross gives a course in contemporary social problems.

## UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Under the leadership of Professor Robert E. Park, the Society for Social Research of the University of Chicago was organized during the Winter Quarter. According to the constitution adopted, "The purpose of the society is to bring about the co-operation of persons engaged in social research and social investigation." The main purpose of the society, at present, is to co-operate with and assist graduate students in research problems undertaken after they have left the University. In order to stimulate interest and promote efficiency in research and investigation the society will act as a clearing-house of investigation and research, will collect bibliographies and pamphlet literature, and formulate methods. There will be an advisory committee to assist members in research problems. This committee will promote the publication of standard works in research and investigation.

At the last meeting of the school year of the Sociology Club Professor Arthur J. Todd of the University of Minnesota, at present director of Industrial Relations, B. Kuppenheimer and Company, gave an address on the subject "The World-War and Social Progress."

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## DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Professor John M. Mecklin, of the University of Pittsburgh, has accepted a chair in sociology in this institution. He will be associated with Professor E. B. Woods, the head of the department, in expanding the work in sociology. Harcourt Brace and Howe announce among their new books *An Introduction to Social Ethics; A Study of the Social Conscience in a Democracy*, by Professor Mecklin.

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## UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Professor Newell L. Sims has recently published *The Rural Community*, a compilation of materials upon the various aspects of rural life.

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## FRANKLIN COLLEGE

Mr. Ernest H. Shideler, of the University of Chicago, has accepted the position of associate professor and acting head of the newly established department of economics and sociology. During the past year Professor Shideler has been engaged in working out and teaching high-school courses in social science in the University High School of the School of Education, University of Chicago.

## LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Mr. Fred A. Conrad, of the University of Chicago, who has had charge of the work in sociology at the University of Cincinnati during the spring quarter, has been appointed to the headship of the department of sociology.

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## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

In the June issue of *The Historical Outlook*, a journal for readers, students, and teachers of history, Professor Ross L. Finney has an article on the subject "Course in General History from the Sociologists' Standpoint." This paper will be of interest to sociologists because it is an elaboration of the point of view presented to the American Sociological Society at its last meeting by the Committee on Teaching of Sociology in the Grade and High Schools of America, of which Professor Finney was chairman.

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## UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Mr. A. F. Kuhlman, A.B., University of Chicago, 1916, now director of surveys of the Southern Division of the American Red Cross, Atlanta, Georgia, has been elected to an assistant professorship in sociology at the University of Missouri. Mr. Kuhlman will begin his work at the University of Missouri in September and will have charge of the practical social service courses.

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## SIMMONS COLLEGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Announcement is made of the retirement of Dr. Jeffrey R. Brackett after sixteen years of service as director of the School of Social Work and professor of social economy in Simmons College. Dr. Brackett has been made professor emeritus. His place will be taken by Dr. Stuart A. Queen, now associate professor of social technology in Goucher College and director of educational service of the Potomac Division of the American Red Cross.

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## UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

During the summer quarter Professor H. E. Woolston will give courses in the principles of sociology and also conduct a senior seminar. Professor R. D. McKenzie, of the University of West Virginia, offers courses in community organization and in poverty and relief.

## UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Dr. Henry D. Hall, of Wesleyan College, Connecticut, has been appointed to give courses in labor problems and rural sociology during the summer term. Dr. E. B. Reuter, Goucher College, and Miss Julia Worthington, of Cincinnati, have been chosen by the Educational Service Department, Potomac Division, American Red Cross, to give courses in race problems and applied sociology for the summer quarter.

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Announcement has been made by the Century Company of a new book by Professor Edward A. Ross, entitled *Principles of Sociology*. The interest of students of sociology in this work has been stimulated by several chapters from it which have appeared in recent issues of the *American Journal of Sociology*.